Branchs of eight banks housed in one Building

1756. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item which appeared in the Nav Bharat Times of the 24th October, 1987 to the effect that branches of eight banks, viz. New Bank of India, Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, Vijaya Bank, Central Bank of India, Indian Bank and Oriental Bank of Commerce are housed in one building in Bhiwani (Haryana) and the State Bank of India branch is also being shifted to this building;

(b) whether there is any RBI directive prohibiting housing of branches of nationalised banks in one building, if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if the answer to part (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what steps Government are taking to disperse these branches in different parts of the city for the convenience of the customers; and

(d) whether Government propose to order an enquiry into the circumstances under which these branches came to be located in one building?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cooperative spinning Mills

1757. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government has requested the Central Government for modification in the project selecting ten cooperative spinning mills under construction so as to make them export-oriented units and also for assistance; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Evasion of Income-tax

1758. SHRI KAPIL VERMA Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government are aware that it is only the salaried class which falls in the income-tax-net of Government while the big industrial houses, private sector firms, self-employed persons like doctors and engineers go scot-free by evading income-tax; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to adopt to rope in such tax-evaders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No such generalisation is warranted.

(b) Does not arise.

Indo French Trade

1759. SHRI KAPIL VERMA. Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the main points which came up for discussion during the talks at the meetings of the Indo-French Joint Economic Commission held in Paris during the last week of October, 1987; and

(b) the progress made in bridging the Indo-French trade gap as a result of these talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The main points at the recent meeting of